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City Services have moved to the City Hall building at 3800 Laverne Avenue

Public Meetings Next Week

- City Council Workshop Meeting Tuesday, September 14 7:00PM
- Planning Commission Meeting Monday, September 13 - CANCELLED



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Tuesday, September 7 City Council Meeting Summary

At their regular meeting on Tuesday, September 7 the City Council:

- Approved a Setback Variance at 3100 Lake Elmo Avenue
- Approved the Sunfish Lake Park Archery Hunt
- Approved Setback and Impervious Surface Variances at 7982 Hill Trail N
- Approved a Zoning Code Text Amendment, Final Plat and Conditional Use Permit for Jade Trail N
- Approved the Final PUD Plan and Final Plat for Wildflower 4th Addition
- Approved Change Order No. 2 for Old Village Phase 5 and 6 Street and Utility Improvements
- Authorized Bids for New City Center and Public Works Additions

On the consent agenda the Council:

- Approved Payment of Disbursements
- Approved Special Event Permit for One Block Marathon on October 16, 2021
- Approved Direct Access Variance – 8249 Demontreville Trail (Carmelites) – *Resolution 2021-092*
- Approved Hire of Planning Director
- Approved Hire of Building Official and Building Official Designation – *Resolution 2021-094*
- Approved Pay Request #1 (FINAL) for the 2021 Crack Seal Project
- Approved Compensating Change Order No. 1 for Hamlet on Sunfish Lake Sanitary Sewer Extension
- Approved Pay Request No. 4 (FINAL) for Hamlet on Sunfish Lake Sanitary Sewer Extension
- Approved Letter of Credit Reduction for Lake Elmo Senior Independent Living
- Approved Letter of Credit Reduction for Union Park 2nd Addition
- Authorize Task Order for Engineering Services for the Section 16 Sanitary Sewer Extension – *Resolution 2021-095*
- Approved Revised 2021 Meeting Calendar

Tuesday, September 14th City Council Workshop Agenda



*Our Mission is to Provide Planned, Quality
Public Services in a Fiscally Responsible
Manner in Partnership with our
Community*

NOTICE OF MEETING

**City Council Workshop
3800 Laverne Avenue North
September 14, 2021
6:30 PM**

AGENDA

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| I. Call to Order | 6:30 PM |
| II. Superintendent Malinda Lansfeldt/ISD 834 Bond | 6:30 PM |
| III. TIF Introduction/NorthPoint Discussion | 6:45 PM |
| IV. Oakdale Sewer Service Agreement | 7:30 PM |
| V. Items for Future Work Session Agenda | 8:00 PM |
| A. Conceptual Drinking Water Plan (3M State Settlement) | |
| B. Sunfish Lake Park User Group Request | |
| C. Prosecution Interviews (tentative) | |
| VI. Adjourn | 8:00 PM |

Meeting Materials Can Be Accessed Here

Lake Elmo Fire Department Fundraiser

hosted by Arbor Glen and The Fields at Arbor Glen

"It's time to get together for a good cause."



2020's Fundraiser allowed the Lake Elmo Fire Department to purchase four of these medical bags.

Tuesday, September 14, 2021

4:00pm-7:00pm

Join us for Live Music, Car Show, 'Tori's Animals, Pickleball tournament, Silent Auction, Mini Donuts, Popcorn, and Soft Serve Ice Cream!

Arbor Glen Senior Living: 11020 39th St. N Lake Elmo, MN 55042 arborsenior.com 651-704-1444

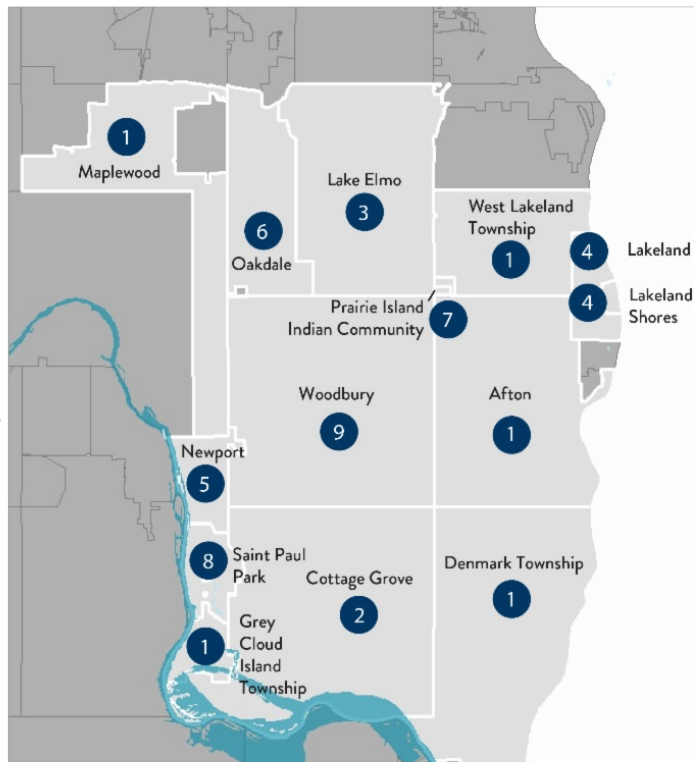
The Fields at Arbor Glen: 11070 39th St. N Lake Elmo, MN 55042 fieldsatarborglen.com 651-770-4443

**State announces comprehensive drinking water
plan for 14 East Metro communities impacted by
PFAS**

COMMUNITY PROJECTS

PFAS Health Index at or above 0.5

- 1 **Maplewood, West Lakeland Township, Afton, Grey Cloud Island Township, Denmark Township**
 - Supply private wells with POETSs if over threshold
- 2 **Cottage Grove**
 - Treat 8 of 12 existing public wells
 - Replace 2 existing public wells with 1 new public well that will receive treatment
 - Add 2 new water treatment plants
 - Connect 156 homes
 - Supply other private wells with POETSs if over threshold
- 3 **Lake Elmo**
 - Supply drinking water from a combination of existing wells and new wells or an interconnect with Woodbury*
 - Connect 97 homes
 - Supply other private wells with POETSs if over threshold
- 4 **Lakeland, Lakeland Shores**
 - Connect 29 homes
 - Supply other private wells with POETSs if over threshold
- 5 **Newport**
 - One interconnect with Woodbury and one with Cottage Grove
 - Connect 3 homes
 - Supply other private wells with POETSs if over threshold
- 6 **Oakdale**
 - Treat 2 of 9 existing public wells and expand 1 treatment plant
 - Replace 3 existing public wells with 3 new public wells that will receive treatment
 - Supply other private wells with POETSs if over threshold
- 7 **Prairie Island Indian Community**
 - Treat 1 existing public well
 - Add 1 new water treatment plant
- 8 **Saint Paul Park**
 - Treat 3 of 3 public wells
 - Add 1 new water treatment plant
 - Connect 6 homes
 - Supply other private wells with POETSs if over threshold
- 9 **Woodbury**
 - Treat 15 of 19 existing wells
 - Replace 1 existing public well with 1 new public well
 - Add 1 new water treatment plant
 - Connect 5 homes
 - Supply other private wells with POETSs if over threshold



*The Co-Trustees set aside sufficient capital funding for either an autonomous option (two wells within Lake Elmo's borders that likely will need treatment) or an interconnect between Woodbury and Lake Elmo, due to some uncertainty regarding their future water source.

[Read More Here](#)

Are There Forever Chemicals In Your Water Well?

A [research team](#) from Indiana University and RTI International, a nonprofit research institute, is seeking help from citizen scientists in Washington County for its study of a group of chemicals known as PFAS, or 'forever chemicals' in private wells.

[Find out if you're eligible for well testing here.](#)

Watering Restrictions Reminder

Public Works staff installed signs across town as reminders of the new watering restrictions in place.



At the regular City Council meeting on Tuesday, July 20th the City Council adopted Ordinance No 08-245 which amends the hours watering is prohibited to 5am-6pm. Odd/Even Watering restrictions are still in place.

Small-scale Construction

Prevent erosion and protect Minnesota's water during construction, remodeling and landscaping projects.

Bare soil can erode easily during construction and landscaping projects. Though soil is natural, it can pollute lakes, rivers and streams by smothering habitat and making the water cloudy and unsafe for swimming.



Stormwater Pollution Prevention

Building a new home?

Refer to the diagram on the back of this page for guidance on preventing erosion and stormwater pollution.

When construction is in progress, verify that your builder has installed silt fence or other sediment control measures along the down slope perimeter of your property and near curbs, gutters, ditches, streams, lakes and wetlands. All bare soil must be covered and soil piles must be stabilized as well.

As a homeowner, you are responsible for inspecting and maintaining temporary stabilization measures until permanent ground cover is established on your yard. Reinstall or replace ripped, collapsed, or decomposed silt fence and remove sediment if deposits reach 1/3 of the silt fence height. Use downspout extenders to protect temporarily stabilized areas from roof runoff until permanent vegetation is established.

Establishing a new lawn?

Cover bare soil with erosion control fabric, mulch, or quick-growing annual grasses such as annual rye, oats or winter wheat until you are able to lay sod or seed your lawn. Erosion control fabric can also help to protect hilly areas until new grass is fully established.

Beginning a landscaping project?

Schedule large landscaping projects for dry weather. Cover bare soil with mulch and avoid disturbing the soil along stream banks and lakeshores. Study how water flows across your property and use trees, shrubs, deep-rooted native plants, and raingardens to slow down runoff and prevent erosion.

We need your help to keep our waters clean!

Learn more about Minnesota water at www.pca.state.mn.us/water/construction-stormwater

Since the start of 2020 we've applied rebates for 80 smart irrigation controllers and efficient toilets, totaling over \$10,000 in credits to water bills. These efficient devices are expected to save over 749,000 gallons of water per year!

Program information and rebate forms are available here:
<http://www.lakeelmo.org/residents/water.php>

How much water can we save each year?

The smart irrigation controllers and efficient toilets installed through the City of Lake Elmo Water Rebate Program are estimated to save over 749,000 gallons of water per year!

That's enough to fill -

Lake Elmo Fire Tender 1
374 times



Como Harbor 3 times



10 Steps to Stormwater Pollution Prevention on Small Residential Construction Sites

Note: this graphic does not address post-construction stormwater treatment permit requirements.

- 1 Protect Any Areas Reserved for Vegetation or Infiltration and Preserve Existing Trees**
If you will be installing infiltration-based features such as rain gardens or bioswales, make sure these areas are designated as off limits to avoid compaction.
Save time and money by preserving existing mature trees during construction. Preserving mature trees minimizes the amount of soil that needs to be stabilized once construction is complete, and minimizes the amount of runoff during and after construction activity.
- 2 Stockpile Your Soil**
MPCA's CCP requires operators to preserve native topsoil on site unless infeasible and protect all soil storage piles from run-on and runoff. For smaller stockpiles, covering the entire pile with a tarp may be sufficient.
- 3 Protect Construction Materials from Run-On and Runoff**
At the end of every workday and during precipitation events, provide cover for materials that could leach pollutants.
- 4 Designate Waste Disposal Areas**
Clearly identify separate waste disposal areas on site for hazardous waste, construction waste, and domestic waste by designating with signage, and protect from run-on and runoff.
- 5 Install Perimeter Controls on Downhill Let Line**
Install perimeter controls such as sediment filter bags or silt fences around the downhill boundaries of your site. Make sure to remove accumulated sediment whenever it has reached halfway up the control.
- 6 Install Inlet Controls**
Sediment control logs, gravel barriers, and sand or rock bags are options for effective inlet controls. Make sure to remove accumulated sediment whenever it has reached halfway up the control.
- 7 Install a Concrete/Stucco Washout Basin**
Designate a leak-proof basin lined with plastic for washing out used concrete and stucco containers. Never wash excess stucco or concrete residue down a storm drain or into a stream!
- 8 Maintain a Stabilized Exit Pad**
Minimize sediment track out from vehicles exiting your site by maintaining an exit pad made of crushed rock spread over geotextile fabric, a shaker rack, or a wash rack at the construction site exit. If sediment track-out occurs, remove deposited sediment within 24 hours of discovery.
- 9 Keep an Up-to-Date Copy of Your SWPPP on Site**
Keep a copy of your complete and up-to-date SWPPP, including site maps showing where each BMP is or will be installed, and records of the site inspections completed by a trained inspector on site and easily accessible.
- 10 Site Stabilization**
Immediately stabilize exposed portions of the site whenever construction work will stop for 14 or more days, even if work is only temporarily stopped. Remember, final stabilization is required prior to terminating permit coverage.

Keep in mind that temporary or permanent stabilization must be completed within 7 days if your project is within 1 mile of a special or impaired water.

Small-scale Construction Considerations

Thanks for doing your part to protect Minnesota water!

www.pca.state.mn.us/water/construction-stormwater

For more information, contact your city or watershed management organization.

For the protection of all workers in public right of way, we hope you will help us to get the word out about following work zone rules. The following points from the American Traffic Safety Services Association were shared for work zone awareness week, but are just as important now:

Drive Safe. Work Safe. Save Lives.

- Slow down as you approach the work zone.
- When possible, safely move over to provide workers with a clear buffer lane from traffic.
- If you can't move over safely, reduce your speed to 20 mph below the posted speed limit as you pass the work zone.
- Never use your mobile device while operating a vehicle.

Safe Disposal of Chlorinated Water

As you prepare to drain your swimming pool or spa at the end of the summer, it is important to take steps to prevent chlorinated water from flowing into storm sewers or nearby waterways.

To properly dispose of chlorinated water:

Stop adding chlorine and leave your pool or spa uncovered for 3-5 days. The chlorine should naturally break-down during this time. Alternately, you can add a de-chlorinating chemical to treat the water more quickly.

Once water is de-chlorinated, you can safely discharge it to a sanitary sewer or storm sewer. If possible, allow the water to flow over a vegetated surface first so that some is able to soak into the ground.



Bee Lawns & Lawn Alternatives

Have you heard the "buzz" about low-mow grass, bee-friendly lawns, and other turf alternatives? During this free webinar, we'll talk about the pros and cons of different types of lawn and provide guidance on transforming your conventional lawn into a low-mow or bee-friendly landscape this fall. Presented by: James Wolfen, an entomologist and sustainable land care manager at Metro Blooms and Angie Hong, water education specialist with East Metro Water Education Program

September 15, 6-730PM [Register Here](#)

New Interactive Parks and Trails Map

In 2021 the City introduced a new Interactive Parks and Trails Map showcasing City Parks, Trailheads, and Trail maps. Check it out [here!](#)



The City received grant funding to install bike repair stations in Sunfish lake Park and Ivywood Park. Both repair stations have tools, an air pump and a bike rack.



Washington County Sheriff Department

If you are planning on being away from home or on vacation please follow some of the tips below to increase the safety and security of your property.

1. Lock all of the doors and windows.
2. Clear out the mailbox and notify the post office to hold your mail until you return. If you are having packages delivered be sure to use the package tracking options and arrange for the package to be picked up by a friend or family member.
3. Keep the yard and/or driveway maintained. Removal of snow from the driveway and walking paths is important.
4. Hide or secure your valuables from view of windows. Using safes is helpful in securing important items.
5. Don't broadcast your plans of being gone on social media. Only notify those who will be helping you in keeping an eye on your residence like a neighbor, family or friends.
6. Get your security system updated, tested and notified of your vacancy. Posting security signage in your yard on residence can help with deterrence of theft and burglary. Many door camera systems can be purchased at a reasonable price with instant notification of activity at your residence while you are away.
7. Adjust your heating settings especially as temperatures can drop significantly this time of year to avoid frozen water lines.
8. Security lighting and timers. The proper lighting on your residence can help to deter theft.
9. Request vacation checks through the Sheriff's Office while you are out of town.

These are just a few quick steps you can take to increase the security of your home while you are away. If you are interested in receiving information on vacation checks call our non-emergency number 651-439-9381

**ADOPT
A STORM
DRAIN**



Storm drains in our city help to protect neighborhoods from flooding, but they also carry litter and polluted runoff from streets and parking lots into nearby lakes and streams.

You can make a difference by volunteering just 15-minutes, twice a month, to keep their nearest storm drain clear of litter, leaves, grass clippings and dirt. To sign up: go to www.Adopt-a-Drain.org and use the map to find your neighborhood storm drains – then click and sign-up to adopt.

Xcel Energy Consumer Update

Xcel Energy residential electric customers who have between \$1,000 to \$4,000 in past due charges are eligible for the Payment Plan Credit Program, which could forgive up to 75% of their past-due balance if they enroll and stay current in a payment plan. Customers can enroll in other payment plans we offer through the My



Sally Manzara Interpretive Nature Center Update

SALLY MANZARA INTERPRETIVE NATURE CENTER RE-OPENED

The nature center, in Sunfish Lake Park, is now open:

9 AM to 4 PM Monday - Tuesday - Thursday -
Friday - Saturday

Please come visit, see in and our updated exhibits,
have a cup of coffee!

Outdoor features can be enjoyed during Park hours
6 AM to 9 PM

Kite Flying Days are coming to Sunfish Lake Park at the Sally Manzara Interpretive Nature Center. The first two scheduled are August 6th at 11 AM and August 7th at Noon, weather permitting. Come and learn to make a kite and fly it, or bring your own. This event is planned as a monthly activity.

Come see the indoor observation beehive, where you can watch the worker bees bring in pollen and nectar to feed the larvae, and the queen bee laying eggs. The nature center is open (except Sundays) every morning and most afternoons. Please visit www.sminc-lake-elmo.org for an up-to-date schedule.

The Annual Sunfish Lake Park Family Nature Day took place on July 10th, with 75 kids receiving gift bags and an estimated 175 total attendance. Thanks to all the volunteers who made it happen.

Visit our website for details: www.sminc-lake-



Well sampling in the east metro area

If you live in the area that is a priority for testing, you can request that your private well water be tested.

- To see if you live in the priority sampling area, use the [interactive map](#).
- If you live in the priority sampling area, you can request to have your well tested by filling out and [submitting this online form](#).

More information about the priority testing area is available on the [Well sampling in the East Metro Area webpage](#).

Water Conservation Rebate Program

The City of Lake Elmo, in partnership with the Metropolitan Council, is offering a rebate program for purchases of eligible WaterSense toilets and Smart Irrigation Controllers. Qualifying



purchases are eligible for up to a \$200 credit on your water bill.

[Program Details Available Here](#)



Water Wisely: Start in your own backyard

Water is a precious resource needed by all living things. If you care for a yard or garden, you can help protect water resources by being wise about watering practices, starting in your own backyard.

Much of our treated drinking water is also used for landscape irrigation, so it pays to reduce water use and protect our supply by being wise about landscape watering practices at home.

Although all plants need water to be healthy and grow, some—like lawns—actually need less water than we think. While others—like trees—need more. Knowing the what, when, where and how of watering in your garden or landscape is key to growing healthy plants and conserving our precious water supply.

See the University of Minnesota's "Watering Wisely" tips [here](#).



New Lake Elmo Library Hours

Lake Elmo Library is returning to pre-pandemic hours beginning June 1! Stop by the library to check out books, use a computer, reserve a meeting room, and participate in a variety of summer programs.

Library Hours:

Monday and Friday: 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday: 12-8 p.m.

Saturday: 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Sunday: Closed

Learn more about current library services at WashCoLib.org/Covid19

Summer Reading at your Library

Summer Reading programs for kids, teens, and adults run from June 1-August 31.

To get started, stop by any WashCoLib branch to pick up a game card with activities to complete over the summer. You can also download game cards on the library's website or complete the program entirely online. When you're finished, drop your game card off to get a reward and enter our drawings for a prize. Learn more at WashCoLib.org

Washington County Library Events

Public Facilities Project Update

Regular updates and documents are available [here](#).



- 1 New City Hall Entrance
- 2 New Fire Station Expansion
- 3 Council Chambers/Community room addition
- 4 Parking
- 5 Fire Department Parking
- 6 City Hall/Sheriff
- 7 Laverne Avenue

LEO A DALY

CITY OF LAKE ELMO COMBINED CITY HALL & PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITY

The new Lake Elmo City Hall / Public Safety Facility combines City Hall staff and functions, the entire Fire Department, and a satellite office for the Washington County Sheriff's department. This co-location involves renovating and expanding the City-owned Brookfield Office building to concentrate civic resources into a single structure at the historic core of the city. In addition, the Public Works facility will also be expanded to accommodate City growth and expanded service needs.



TOTAL ANTICIPATED PROJECT COST: \$14,600,000
DESIGN COMPLETION: Late summer 2021
CONSTRUCTION COMPLETION: Fall of 2022





MEETING THE DEMANDS OF AN EVOLVING FIRE SERVICE

Lake Elmo currently has two fire stations, Fire Station #1 at 3510 Laverne Ave. N. and Fire Station #2 at 4259 Jamaica Ave. N. This project will consolidate these two stations into a single, state of the art station that will meet the needs of our community and firefighters today and into the future. The building is designed to accommodate increasing call volumes, meet the demands for training and to support our evolving role as all hazard responders.

Due to the changing environment of fire department staffing needs and the impacts of that in relation to incident response times and budget responsibility, the fire department is consolidating to a single station which will allow the department the ability to transition to a staffing model that provides 24/7 coverage from the single station. This change requires the updated facilities like staff dorm rooms, day room and kitchen area, fitness room, staff workspaces and offices.

Educational materials provided by the City of Lake Elmo
 For more information, visit our website: www.lakeelmo.org or contact Kristina Handt, Administrator at KHandt@lakeelmo.org



The current fire stations are too small to accommodate modern apparatus and equipment and cannot provide adequate health protections for our firefighters.

A FUNCTIONAL FIRE STATION

A new, single, state-of-the-art station will meet the needs of our community and firefighters today and into the future. Designed to accommodate our evolving role as all-hazard responders it will:

- Modernize our facilities following best practices in station design.
- Enhance firefighter training with training features incorporated into the building.
- The addition of living quarters will allow the department to transition to a staffing model that provides 24/7 coverage from the single station.
- Improve response times and overall department operations.

DESIGNED FOR FIREFIGHTER HEALTH AND SAFETY

- Distinct spaces to properly decontaminate gear and equipment. Focus to reduce staff exposure to firefighting carcinogens and other toxic materials.
- Properly ventilate the apparatus bay to reduce staff exposure to diesel exhaust and other harmful fumes.
- Space that supports the physical and mental health of staff.
- Clear separation between public and private spaces.



Lake Elmo City Hall, built in 1986, is a very small 2,806 SF. There are insufficient offices for all staff members and the restrooms are not accessible. The council chambers are small, do not provide sufficient space for department heads or members of the public, and lack modern technological updates. City staff have long outgrown this building and have since moved into the Brookfield Building located across the parking lot.

The Brookfield Building was purchased by the City in 2018 as a method of maintaining city functions next to the outgrown City Hall at a lower cost alternative to new construction. It was constructed in 1980 and will require a major overhaul to increase its useful life.

AN EXPANDED AND IMPROVED CITY HALL

- Improved service accessibility
- Community room available for public use
- New council chambers with updated technology
- Additional conference rooms
- Co-locate Washington County Sheriff staff
- Office space for growth of city staff
- Accessible restrooms.

